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1. **Name of the Department** : Department of Philosophy and the Life-world
 2. **Year of Establishment** : 1989
 3. **Students applied and admitted in the P.G. Course and Ph. D Programme:**

Year	P.G.		Ph.D.	
	Applied	Admitted	Applied	Admitted
2004-05	189	105	2	2
2005-06	196	105	2	2
2006-07	207	105	3	3

4. **Revision of the Syllabus** : i) Last revision in 2002
 ii) Latest revision in 2007 for the introduction of Semester system from 2008-2009.

5. **Non-teaching Staff** : One senior Peon.
 Name: Maloy Kr. Nayak

6. **Teaching Staff** :

Name of the Teacher	Designation	Qualification	Teaching load in Clock hrs. per week	No. of research students working For Ph.D.	No of research papers published in journals during X Plan		No. of refresher & other Courses attended during X Plan		Conference/ Symposium/ Workshops attended during X Plan	
					International	National	Orientation	Refresher	International	National

P.K. Misra	Professor	M.A., M.Phil	7+2	2		8				
R. Sirkar	S.L. Grad Lecturer	M.A.	10+2			1				1
B.C. Das	Reader	M.A. Ph.D	10+2	3		11		1	1	26
Mrs. P. Gupta	Reader	M.A., M. Phil., Ph.D.	10+2			2	1	1	-	7
Mrs. S. Bera	Lecturer	M.A.	10+2			1	1	1	-	2
Mrs. A. Banerjee	Lecturer	M.A., M. Phil.	10+2			2				1

7. Building

Total area of the Department (in sq. ft./sqm.) = 3000 sq.ft. app.

Total Laboratory area of the Department (in sq. ft./Sqm.) = N.A.

8. Participation of teachers in academic activities other than teaching and research :

- i. **Prof. Prabhat Kumar Misra** was the Dean of Faculty of Arts and Commerce for last four years (2003-2007). So he was to act as a member in all the academic bodies of the University. He was also joint-coordinator of the programme of Refresher Course organized by the Department in 2005. He also participated in different academic programmes in the university and different colleges affiliated to this university. He is the Chief Editor of the Departmental Journal during last 10 years.
- ii. **Dr. Bhupendra Chandra Das** acted as Head of the Department from 2004 to 2006. He was joint-coordinator of the above mention Refresher Course programme and a seminar organised by the Department. He also participated in different National and International Seminars and symposiums presenting papers and acting as Chairperson. Also Dr. Das participated as speaker in some colleges under Vidyasagar University.
- iii. **Sri Ramdas Sirkar, Dr. Papia Gupta, Sm. Sumana Bera and Sm. Ananya Banerjee** acted Co-coordinators in different seminar organised by the Department. Also Sri Sirkar participated as speaker in some colleges under Vidyasagar University.
- iv. **Dr. Papia Gutpa** participated in —
 - a. Training of Trainers programme 2004-2005 entitle “Capacity Building for Woman Managers in Higher Education” organised by U.G.C. on February 21-26, 2005 at Calcutta University.
 - b. Workshop on Disaster Management for N.S.S. Officers of West Bengal on September 03, 2005 at Jadavpur University.

- c. National Workshop on “Perspectives of the Patient-Physician relationship” on 16-17 January 2006 at Jadavpur University.
 - d. Refresher course of the N.S.s. on 4-8 May 2006 at I.I.T. Kharagpur.
 - e. Also participated as speaker in different colleges under Vidyasagar University and Calcutta University.
- v. **Sm. Sumana Bera** participated in **a)** Sensivity / Awareness / Motivation workshop under the U.G.C. Scheme of “Capacity Building for Woman Managers in Higher Education” on 13 to 17 February, 2007 at Kalyani University.
- b)** National Workshop on “Perspectives of the Patient-Physician Relationship on 16-17 January, 2006 at Jadavpur University.
9. **Collaboration with other departments and institutions as the national level and their outcome during the past five years.**

A MOU was signed with Swami Shivananda Yoga Centre, Kolkata to open a study centre for Theoretical and Practical Yoga in collaboration with the said Yoga Institute. But due to the shortage of space in the department, the venture is not yet materialised.

10. **Publication of Papers by the teachers (2002-2007) :**

A. Paper Publication of Prabhat Kumar Misra

- i. ***The Life-world and Practical Philosophy*** in Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research (Special issue), March 2002.
- ii. ***Philosophical Scepticism of Nāgārjuna : A Reevaluation*** in The Journal of Indian Academy of Philosophy, Vol. XLI, Nos. 1&2, 2002.
- iii. ***Role of Psychosis (Vṛtti) in Advaita Psychology of Perception*** in Indian Philosophical Quarterly, July 2003.
- iv. ***Secondary Pramāṇas in Indian Philosophy : An evaluation in Darshan-Manjari***, Burdwan University Journal of Philosophy, Vol. 7, 2004.
- v. ***Trends of Monistic Materialism in Sāṃkhya Philosophy*** in Indian Philosophical Quarterly, October 2005.
- vi. ***Swami Vivekananda, the Philosopher by Dr. J.L. Shaw (Book review)***, in Journal of Indian Academy of Philosophy, Vol. XLIV. Nos. 1&2, 2005
- vii. ***Environmental Ethics in Perspectives and Issues in Environmental Studies***, (ed) Prof. A. D. Mukhopadhyay, Vidyasagar University, 2003.

- viii. ***Tātparyer Kathā***, (ed) Prof. R. N. Ghosh & Prof. B. Bhattacharya Chakraborty, Allied Publishers, Kolkata, 2005.

B. Paper Publication of Dr. Bhupendra Chandra Das

- i. ***The Mīmāṃsā śakas on Yogaja Pratyakṣa: A Critique*** in Indian Philosophical Quarterly, October 2002.
- ii. ***Is ESP a case of Yogaja Pratyakṣa?—In Truth and Value*** (Published book), Dept. of Philosophy, N.B.U., 2003.
- iii. ***Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika Karṅk Bhūtacaitanyavāda Khandan*** – in V.U. Journal of Philosophy, February 2003.
- iv. ***Value perspectives in Indian Philosophy by Bijayananda Kar (Book Review)***- In Vidyasagar University Journal of Philosophy, 2002.
- v. ***Buddhadever Samāj-bhavana***- in Journal of Vidyasagar Social Science Centre, December 2003.
- vi. ***Spinoza's Substance and Vedānta-Brahman***- in Understanding Philosophy (Proceeding of 77th Seminar of the Indian Philosophical Congress), Sandeep Prakashan, New Delhi, 2005.
- vii. ***Sākti-bhāvnā-in Sābdartha-Vichar*** (An anthology), Allied Publishers, Kolkata, 2005.
- viii. ***Science and Spirituality*** – in Science and sprituality in 21st Century (An Anthology), Dept. of Philosophy, Kaliganj College, Uttar Dinajpur, W.B.
- ix. ***The Environment & its Problems*** by Nilanjan Dutta and P.K. Dutta (Book Review) – in Vidyasagar University Journal of Philosophy, February 2006.
- x. ***Swāmi Videkananda as a Social Reformer*** – in V.U. Journal Philosophy, February 2007.
- xi. ***Gandhi's theory of Non-Violence and its Practical Relevance***– in Vidyasagar University Journal of Philosophy, January 2008.

C. Paper-publication by Sri Ramdas Sirkar

- i. ***'Peter Singer's views on Environmental Ethics and the Expanding Moral commuties'*** in reading in Environmental Ethics : Multi-disciplinary perceptions, Rawat Publication, Delhi, 2005

D. Paper-publication by Dr. Papia Gupta

- i) *Karmavāder Prāsangikatā* – in V.U. Journal of Philosophy, January 2008.
 ii) *Mokṣer Sambhāvyatā Vicār in Darśana*, Kolkata, 2008.

E. Paper-Publication by Sm. Sumana Bera

- i) *Dhāraṇār udbhab: Kichhu Kathā in Samāj-jijnasa*, Journal of Vidyasagar Social Science Centre, June 2008.

F. Paper-publication by Sm. Ananya Banerjee

- i) *Patijñā-Virodh nāmak nigrahashtaner swarup: Uddyotakarer mater svātantrya* – in Vidyasagar University Journal of Philosophy, February 2007.
 ii) *Prācīn Nyāye Vikṣeper Swarūp* – in Vidyasagar University Journal of Philosophy, January 2008

11. Books & Journals :

No. of books on the subject in		National Journals Subscribed (give names)	No. of International Journals Subscribed
Central Library	Department Library		
3297	322	i) Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research	
		ii) Indian Philosophical Quarterly	
		iii) Tattva O Prayog	
		iv) J.U. Journal of Philosophy	

12. Seminars/Workshops Organised :

- A. Seminar on Equality and Discrimination: An Applied Ethics Perspective (2003); Bio-ethics :Current Issues (2005); Ways of Knowing: Indian and Western (2007)
 B. Refresher Course on Ethics and Social Philosophy (2005).

13. If research is a significant activity, the thrust areas of the Department:

Applied Philosophy and Indian Philosophy.

14. Details of the ongoing and projects and projects during the last five years:

At present there is no project work. During last 5 years, a research project sponsored by I.C.P.R., entitled “ A Phenomenological Study of Humanistic Ideals with reference to Marx, M.N. Roy and Sartre” has been completed under the joint supervision of Dr. Santosh Kr. Pal by (Present by serving at Burdwan University) and Sr. Ramdas Sirkar. Name of the Scholar is Sri Mrinal Kanti De.

15. Participation of the department in the extension activities of the University:

Dr. Papia Gupta, Reader of the Department has been acting as Programme Officer of N.S.S. since 2005.

16. Significant achievement of the department or faculty students during the past five/- years:

- i) Achievement of the Faculty: Dr. Bhupendra Chandra Das chaired a the philosophico – literary session of the 5th International Conference on “ Advances in Yoga Research, Education and Therapy” at Kaivalyadhāma, Lonola, Pune in 2006.

17. Number of students Qualified in NET/SLET in Last five years:

7.

18. Placement record of the past students and the contributions of the department to the students:

18 as College Lecturer (app.) 75 as School Teacher (app.). Departmental Teachers regularly coach the students willing to appear in NET and SET.

19. Learning resources of the department like library, computers, laboratories and others such verve:

There is a small departmental library and one computer as learning resource in the department.

20. Enhancement of the learning resources during the past five years:

A good number of current books have been purchased in the central library. These books are issued to the students through the Departmental library.

21. Modern Teaching methods is practice other than the Lecture method:

1. The use of O.H.P.
2. Video
3. Audio System
4. Computer

22. Participating of teachers personal counseling of students:

Regularly by every teacher.

23. Details of faculty development programmers and teachers who benefited during the past five years:

One Refresher course on Ethics and social Philosophy was organised in November-December 2005.25 teachers including 2 of us were benefitted.

24. Special Contribution of the Department:

Regular publication of Departmental Journal.

25. Essential facilities the department needs during XI Plan (with justification):

- i) More teachers – at least 1 professor and 2 Readers – for opening the M. Phil Programme;
- ii) More fund for the purchase of International Journals –for standard and advanced research work;
- iii) At least 3 computers for the course of cognitive science (in this course, use of computer is essential. Presently students use the computers of central computer centre of the University. But this is time-bound. To avail of the full facility of computer, the department should have its own computer)
- iv) To open a study centre for studying Sanskrit Texts and Western Texts of Philosophy. (Text-books of Philosophy at P.G. level are either in Sanskrit or in

English. But most of the students are incapable of reading and understanding Sanskrit and English. So, we want to open such a Study centre.)

- v) Grant Towards Fellowship (at least 2) for Ph.D works by the student-scholar.